

line 11, after "little" insert --,--;

line 32, delete "in"; and after "section" insert --,--.

Page 15, line 3, after "Additionally" insert --,--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

SC 7 1. (ONCE AMENDED) A light control element extending in a plane ¹² and spaced from
a reflecting sheet, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface and having a light
emitting side, said prismatic surface having repeated projections with slopes inclined with
respect to the plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light
diffusible surface to generate diffused light passing through the light control element toward
the light emitting side and to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.

2. (TWICE AMENDED) A light control element according to claim 1, wherein said
repeated projections extend in one common direction and are repeatedly arranged in a direction
perpendicular to said one common direction, each of said repeated projections having a
substantially triangular cross section.

SC 7 4. (TWICE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:
a light guide plate having an incidence end surface, an exiting surface and [a
thickness] an incline surface gradually decreasing away from the incidence end surface;

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~~a reflecting sheet disposed along the inclined surface of the light guide plate;~~

~~a primary light source for supplying illumination light to said light guide plate from said incidence end surface, the supplied light being deflected in the light guide plate and emitted from [an] the exiting surface of the light guide plate; and~~

~~a light control element disposed along the exiting surface of said light guide plate, the light control element extending in a plane, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface adjacent to said light guide plate and having a light emitting side, said prismatic surface having repeated projections with slopes inclined with respect to the plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light diffusible surface to generate diffused light passing through the light control element towards the light emitting side and reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.~~

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Please **ADD** the following new claim:

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7. (NEW) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:
- a light guide plate having an inclined side and an exiting surface;
 - a reflecting sheet disposed along the inclined side of the light guide plate; and
 - a light control element to control light emitted from the exiting surface of the light guide plate in order to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.